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UFO Report Interview With Author, Researcher, Theorist BRAD STEIGER

By Timothy Green Beckley

No library concentrating on UFO or psychic titles would be complete without at least a half-dozen books written by one of the most prolific authors in the field today—Brad Steiger.

In the course of little more than a decade, he has authored more than 50 books, both hardcover and paperback, covering such topics as flying saucers, prophecy, astral projection, life after death and ESP, as well as a number of "straight" books, one of which, on the life and career of Rudolf Valentino, is currently being made into a major motion picture. Steiger has also written scores of magazine articles, and at one time had a daily newspaper column syndicated to papers here and abroad.

A warm and friendly person, Steiger has received his share of rewards for his outstanding contributions to a still developing field. He is a biographee in a number of international reference works, including *Outstanding Young Men in America*, *The Creative and Successful Personalities of the World*, and *The Dictionary of International Biography*. In October 1974, Steiger was awarded the "Genie" as Metaphysical Writer of the Year. He is also one of the top speakers at conventions, seminars and on college campuses. Each year he estimates that he makes more than 150 public appearances, in addition to being a popular guest on radio and television talk shows across the U.S.

A former teacher of literature and creative writing on both the secondary school and college levels, Steiger is one of the most articulate spokesmen espousing a belief in what he prefers to term "New Age" topics.

Until recently, the 41-year-old father of four was reluctant to talk about his own personal experiences. He felt it was not wise to discuss his own beliefs, because they might detract from his position as an objective reporter. Now Steiger feels the time is right, that it is indeed essential for him to speak freely

about a monumental transformation he sees taking place in the not-too-distant future which will radically alter our lives in the years ahead.

In his latest and most important book to date, Steiger theorizes that an external intelligence *native* to this planet has been interacting and trying to communicate with the human race since the dawn of history. "I tend to believe that things we call UFOs are other-dimensional intelligent beings who share our turf—and that they have been with us since the beginning . . . and before." In *Gods of Aquarius* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$8.95), his most definitive work to date, Steiger presents the startling theory that there is a symbiotic relationship between man and UFOs, and suggests that UFOs are not only vehicles we see, but a perspective and dimension of our psyche. Using documented sightings and testimony of people who have been contacted by a variety of entities, Steiger concludes that these episodes are part of our collective unconsciousness and part of mankind's common experience.

In this exclusive interview, Brad Steiger for the first time willingly reveals some of the things that have puzzled him and led him to the hypothesis that we are not alone in the universe—that there is some other intelligence out there which is acting as a "cosmic midwife" guiding man's growth and development.

It is not *us* and *them*, he maintains—it is *we*!

UFO Report: Brad, you're considered one of the top thinkers and theorists both in ufology and parapsychology, yet you seldom inject yourself into a story. Except where it is absolutely essential, you seem satisfied with describing the experiences of others. But how about yourself—have you ever personally been involved in the seemingly bizarre things you write about?



STEIGER: Quite a few times! In fact, I initially became interested in the whole area of the paranormal at an early age, due to a few things that happened to me. When I was a child, about five or six, I saw what is commonly referred to as an elf. Even now, after all these years, I can remember his compelling eyes and what seemed to be a cross between a friendly and a conspiratorial smile—a soon-you-will-know kind of grin. He had rather large eyes, pointed ears, and the kind of mischievous, Puck-like appearance which seemed to say, "What fools you mortals be." He fitted the basic description of the "little men" seen by UFO witnesses around the globe.

UFO Report: Where did this take place?

STEIGER: I was born and reared on an Iowa farm. I saw him—the elf—from my bedroom. You see, the old house we lived in was shaped like an "L," and though my parents saw to it that I went to bed with the chickens, I never was much for sleeping—even today I can go on three or four hours' sleep a night. I

used to stay up to all hours gazing out my window, from which I could see my parents through the kitchen window as they entertained guests or went about their chores. Suddenly, one night, there was *something* standing outside. First I saw a little head pop up; then I heard a pail being moved to one side. I blinked two or three times to make sure I wasn't seeing things, but sure enough there was this little man—what we call an "Alpha Form" humanoid—right outside the kitchen window, illuminated by the overhead light, peering at my parents while I was watching him.

A few years later, at the age of 11, I had a definite out-of-body experience which comes under the category of "projection at the moment of pseudo-death." I was in a farm accident and suffered a severe head injury. They had to take me 120 miles to the only hospital in the area that could handle the delicate neurosurgical operation I desperately needed. While my body was lying unconscious, I saw myself outside in the form of an orange globe that seemed to soar above, and I remember

feeling as if I became one with the sun. And I had a kind of totality experience, that kind of omnipresent feeling that many people describe.

UFO Report: What was going through your mind at the time?

STEIGER: I recall feeling just a little bit of reluctance, and a little bit of "Oh, gee, what will my parents and my sister do?" You have to understand that I thought I had died. There was this peacefulness and tranquility; I knew if I returned to my battered body, there would only be pain, nausea, and fear.

UFO Report: Could you actually see yourself being taken away in the ambulance and being operated on in the hospital?

STEIGER: Yes! And I especially remember seeing the reaction of the people who were dear to me. They looked so sad, and I knew I had to get back inside my body or they would never see me alive again. I'll remember the experience as long as I live! It meant so much to me, and obviously it greatly affected my thinking in later years.

UFO Report: In what way did it affect you?

STEIGER: Regardless of a person's background, there are two important questions that sooner or later any intelligent, aware individual must ask himself: Is there life after death; and are we alone in the universe—are there other species similar to us out there? At age five I was given proof that there is another order of intelligence—a life form—like us but not exactly identical, a cousin species, let's say, apart from us, but very closely related. At 11 I was shown my essential self, the soul and the mind, which I'm convinced continues after the physical state we call death.

UFO Report: Well, that would certainly explain your interest in the unknown, but when did you get into writing about all this?

STEIGER: Roughly a year after my involuntary out-of-body experience, I began collecting all the material I could get my hands on. I began reading extensively in the field, which was very difficult because where I lived, the material was extremely hard to come by. And, of course, years ago there was not that much being published, certainly not like today. In my teens I became interested in magic, and my grandmother happened to have a rare book written by Houdini which described his various illusions. Magic remained a passionate hobby of mine for years. I used to get all the magic catalogues and send for all the tricks by mail. As far as my professional writing career goes,

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or beacons, and then are able to establish two or more consecutive points where that UFO was reported along that same line, there is, as in the case of the Atwater sighting or the multiple witness-radar confirmed sighting discussed earlier, only about one chance in over 500,000,000 that this was an observation of some natural event. For practical purposes, there is no chance at all.

In other words, *this was a physical object, under intelligent control, purposefully moving along a line between two beacons or an airway, and possibly alien.* This is especially true if you consider the Atwater case in which the UFO navigated over long distances between low frequency beacons, *Something we just don't do!*

Nuts and Bolts

There has recently been a radical change in trends regarding the interpretation of raw UFO reports. Personally, I feel that interpreting UFO data is akin to interpreting a religious tract. Talk of "alternate realities" and "psychic hallucinatory phenomena" has entered the realm of ufology.

Because of this, many researchers have had a tendency to *toss the baby out with the bath water.* They insist the "nuts and bolts" mode of thinking is wrong; the "Extraterrestrial Origin" hypothesis all washed up. Bring in the "psychic, the parapsychical, the ultraterrestrials." Granted, there is information that suggests that the psychic aspect plays an important role in the close encounter type of sighting, but merely because you inject the non-physical, there is absolutely no reason to claim that UFOs do not represent tangible vehicles constructed from metal, nuts and bolts, or whatever.

Grassroots

Well, time to tie the ends together.

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You!

That's right, you, the "grassroots."

When all is said and done, the "big names" and notables can do no more than assimilate the information that observers around the world give them. Recently it has been rumored that individual UFO investigators "have outlived their usefulness." Throughout the recent history of UFO civilian investigation, snide remarks were made about "teenage UFO buffs, housewives with tape recorders, and all those little nobodies whose names meant nothing to the ufological elite."

Perhaps the distinguished authorities should keep it in mind that these grassroots investigators who they have lately taken to criticizing, might just do what they've been asking them to do all along—namely, shrivel up and disappear. But when these roots die, so goes the crop. The resulting famine may make the ufological connoisseurs regret the loss of the most important source of UFO data on the scene today—those average people who report sightings, landings, and contacts. Without their constant flow of information—including, hopefully, the plotting of UFO flights—what would these "experts" investigate? ★

BRAD STEIGER

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I was still in college in 1956 when I started putting the words down on paper and tried getting them published.

UFO Report: As a teenager, were you familiar with the literature being published on the UFO phenomenon?

STEIGER: Like so many people, I was exposed to the books of Adamski, Keyhoe, and Menger. These gentlemen were hypothesizing that alien beings from other planets were visiting here. And while I was aware of the various similarities between the UFO and psychic fields, I tended to put UFOs into one category, and the spiritual and paranormal in another. Even though I thought it was interesting that there were so many similarities, I was not, at first, bold enough to tie the two fields together.

As you know, my main interest in the past several years has been with the people involved with UFOs—the percipients, the contactees. Midway in my research, I began to realize that the messages were similar, only this time, instead of spirit guides it was space brothers. During my frequent trips to spiritualist meetings, I began to notice that the way a medium spoke of her guides was the same way a contactee would speak to his space contacts.

UFO Report: From your recent writings, specifically *Gods Of Aquarius*, I take it that you now believe that UFOs represent some sort of guiding force that is responsible for helping mankind achieve a higher form of intellectual and

technical maturity. You've come a long way since your first book on the subject, *Strangers In The Skies.*

STEIGER: I think that the UFO has been a symbol for mankind that has been continually leading him into the future. I think that the UFO is at once a symbol, a myth, is parapsychical, and extremely significant in interacting with our species. To say that it is myth is not to say that it is not real. To say that it is often nonmaterial is not to say that it is not sometimes material. That's why I say we have a companion species that operates at a different vibration, a different frequency (parallel to ours). In other words, we're talking about multi-dimensions rather than extraterrestrial worlds.

UFO Report: Wouldn't you agree then, that there is a good chance that the UFOs have been here since the beginning of time, and are actually an intricate part of our environmental structure—the very fiber of our existence?

STEIGER: I'd go a step further; I think they're part of our reason for being, and I strongly believe that a delicate balance has to be effected between the two species. The big question appears to be: What can we do for them, and what can they do for us? For a long time, I've suspected that UFOs could be placed in the same framework as the so-called religious experience. And even though this feeling was brewing for a long while inside my head, I wasn't able to express myself fully until my book *The Divine Fire* was published in 1973. This work more fully

developed the psychic theme suggested in *Aquarian Revelations* (1962). The gods and goddesses of the Greeks, and the angels of the Holy Scriptures, may have been intelligences, either parapsychical or multidimensional, appearing in humanoid form.

There are certain archetypes which have been seen through the ages and which are apparently a part of our thought fields accessible through dreams, meditation, and other altered states of consciousness. These archetypes seem to exist in a grander, parapsychical scale, from where they appear to influence and guide the affairs of this world. It's been the same source, the same intelligence, and the same message throughout, but it takes on different forms according to our level of understanding.

The ancients looked up in the heavens and saw what they considered to be the eye of God in the sky; today we tend to think of all UFO sightings as visits by interplanetary travelers. The phenomenon seems to affect us differently in each age. "The Other" seems to be one step ahead of us, and therefore I think UFOs are a symbol of the future. We see more and more architecture taking the form of a dome. We have people experimenting with pyramid-like structures. We see signs of UFOs in many ways and in so many aspects of our lives, without even realizing it.

UFO Report: In essence, what you're saying is that the mere sighting of a UFO isn't really that important—it's

what the phenomenon as a whole represents.

STEIGER: After extensive research, I have come to the conclusion that it may not really matter who perceives the UFO intelligence. The main thing is that someone sees and interacts with them on either a conscious or an unconscious level. If there is a common, collective unconscious for *Homo sapiens*, then in the larger sense, any contact with UFO intelligence becomes part of the common experience of all mankind, whether the incident is reported in the popular press or pondered quietly in the mind of the individual observer.

UFO Report: We seem to be dealing with so many different sizes and shapes of both crafts and occupants. Doesn't it stand to reason that the ufonauts might be coming from more than one dimension, if indeed they aren't from outer space? Also, have you taken into consideration the fact that while a good many of the entities sighted may be benevolent, others seen to have evil motives?

STEIGER: I can't tell you how many dimensions they're coming from; I don't have that information. But I do think we can easily fall into a very simplistic kind of dualism. People say, if there is hot, there must be cold; if there is good, there must be evil. But again, it could be a single source that is responsible, and depending upon our perspective, it may appear either good or bad.

Let's not jump so quickly to conclusions. If there has been an accidental burning due to the close approach of a UFO, let's not automatically think in terms of bad or evil. We should think simply in terms of an experience, and each individual percipient has to deal with that experience singly, depending upon one's own level of awareness, and integrate it into his or her own personality.

Both good and evil are so often in the mind of the beholder. What may at the time seem evil could in the long run be a very positive thing. It can go either way: you can go on an ego trip, or you can emphasize certain negative aspects.

What it boils down to is that I believe any kind of UFO activity—any kind of experience that takes place—is a part of the learning process. From what I've discovered, I'd have to say that the kind of intelligence we are dealing with occurs on so many levels, that we may not always understand their actions. So contactees can deal with the information in several different ways—they can make themselves into somebody special, or they can recognize what is happening and ponder all the aspects silently in their own psyches.

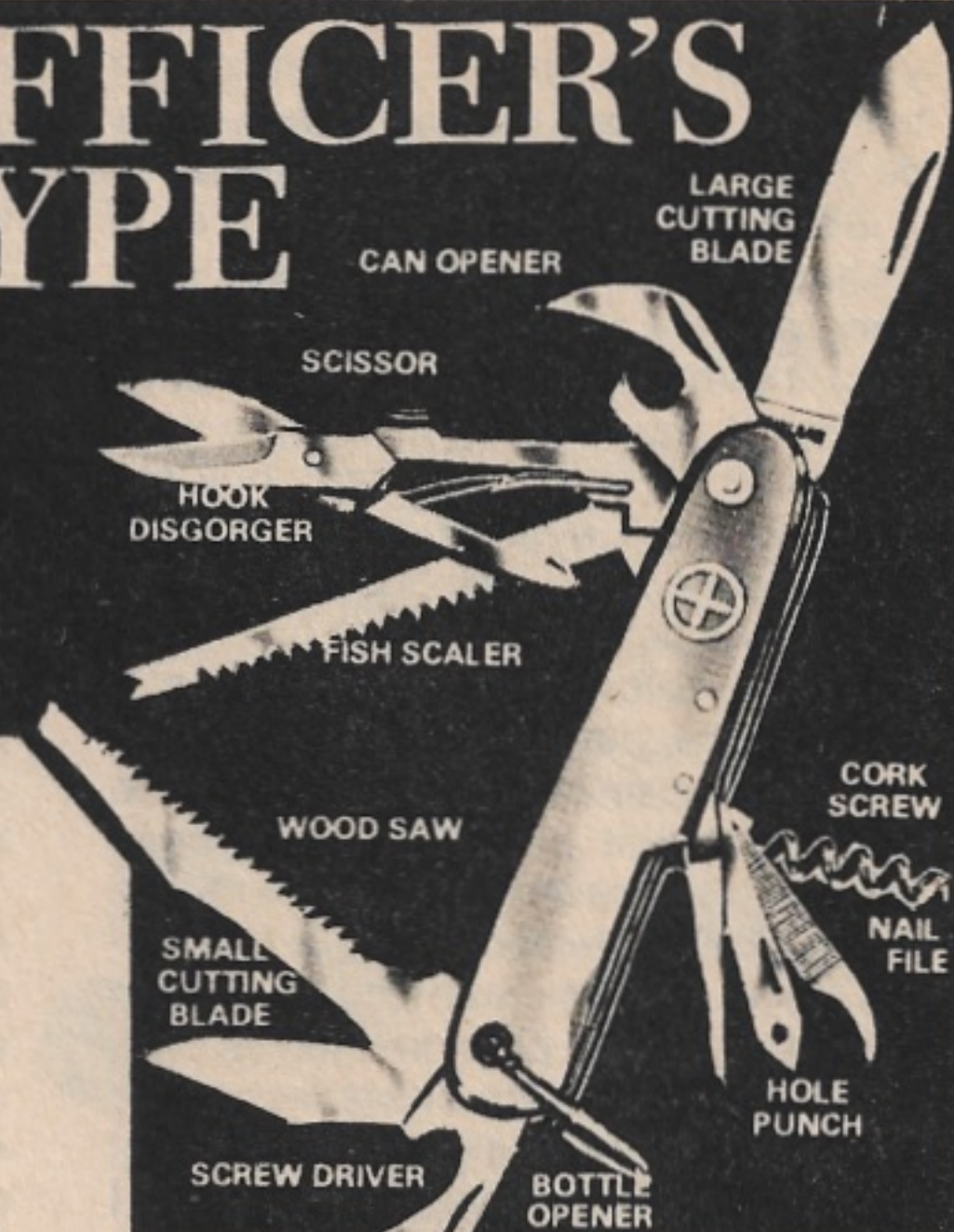
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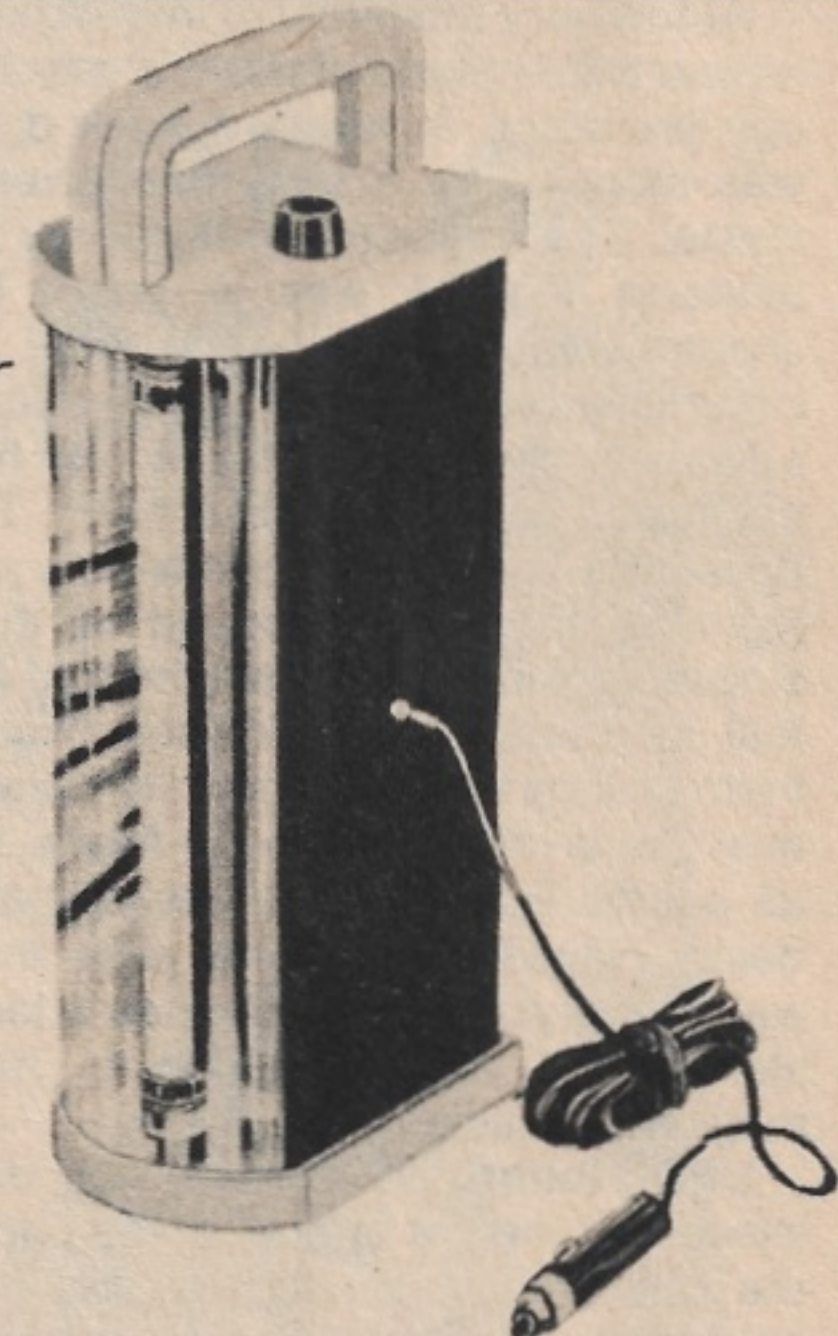
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viduals who go around harassing and trying to silence UFO witnesses. How do they fit into the scheme of things?

STEIGER: I have talked with a lot of people who claim to have been confronted by the MIB. In some cases I find it an interesting, bizarre set of coincidences. I have talked to people who, after their UFO sighting, feel they are being followed everywhere by a dark-complexioned and ominous trio of men. Often I wonder if the "sinister trio" knew they were following that individual, or if they just happened to be going about their own business and seemed to be staring (at that person). I have been jolted out of a sound sleep in the middle of the night by telephone calls describing eerie dealings with these strange men. I think the phenomenon is real, but as I delve into the mysteries of time and space, I've come to believe that these entities are archetypal forms. I equate them to the trickster aspect. In occult tradition, we have the Brotherhood of the Shadow, which is the exact counterpart of the Men In Black. It seems that when somebody is getting close to the secret, he is then challenged as part of the learning experience. To put it in more traditional terms, when one is on the path to knowledge, often there is an attempted blockage (of progress). It's part of the test, part of the teaching and growing experience, to see how sincere the pilgrim really is in his quest.

At this very moment I'm investigating a case with a friend of mine, a psychology professor, in which a truck driver was stopped by a UFO and given a crystal. The contactee was told by the ufonauts that he was to guard this crystal with his life, and under no circumstances was he to give it to anyone or allow it to be taken from him, because it could bring great harm. This driver took the crystal, and the very next night his truck was stopped by three sinister-looking Orientals, who told him that he must turn the crystal over to them or they would kill him. He handed over the crystal right away. Again, this all seems like part of a game that is being played. In bygone eras there wasn't a crystal, but there was a lodestone what was supposed to have magical qualities.

UFO Report: In a sense, it's reminiscent of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, which nobody can ever hold onto.

STEIGER: The promise is given, then withdrawn. You're given the magic crystal, but then the very next night, villains come and take it away.

UFO Report: In your latest book you describe the experiences of a young woman—a student of psychology—who is apparently able to go into trance-like states and communicate with an Egyptian deity named Sekhmet, who hap-

pens to have the head of a lion. Did such a being ever exist in our reality, and is she still alive in another dimension?

STEIGER: That's a very good question. The young woman, Michele Carriel, we should point out, is not a spiritualist medium, but has been doing research work with Robert Masters, who with his wife, Jean Houston, runs the Foundation for Mind Research in Pomona, N.Y. For several years Michele has, while in a state of altered consciousness, journeyed to the temple of Sekhmet, who is known as "Lady of the Place of the Beginning of Time—the One Who Was Before the Gods Were." She is one of the most ancient of dieties, who came into Egypt in a time unrecroded, from a place that is unknown. Sekhmet is both man and woman. Sekhmet is really androgynous, and not by coincidence, one of the most important things that is happening in the New Age is an emphasis on the androgynous individual—someone who is not supermasculine or ultrafeminine, but someone who has an internal kind of balance. And I am not speaking of being bisexual. This is altogether different. Sekhmet appears as protectress, and at the same time she has some manly qualities. Sekhmet seems to be representative of the Great Mother. So it seems to be that archetypes are activators. They become catalysts. They cause certain things on our deepest levels to respond, to come to life, and to help us. I think it is all part of our growing, our learning.

Yes, Sekhmet, as well as any other archetype, still exists. Writer John White, who is a good friend of mine, once made a profound statement. He noted that since archetypes appear to be universal experiences, more than likely they are co-existent with earth's physical atmosphere. John envisions the archetypes as an "energetic shell" or envelope of some new energy, which presently surrounds the Earth and is accessible to mankind during dreams, meditations, and other altered states of consciousness that lower our perceptual screens and filters. More than likely Sekhmet has always existed and always will continue to exist, if that answers your question.

UFO Report: But why is it that at this particular period of time we are suddenly seeing a surge of interest in UFOs, psychic phenomena, and the development of extrasensory perception which, from what research has shown us, lies dormant in each and every one of us?

STEIGER: All ages have had these phenomena. But it is true that it seems to be accelerating now, and the reason, I believe, is because we are approaching a time of transition. We are approaching a great transformational leap

for all mankind on both the biological and spiritual levels. I have seen proof of this in so many different areas that I hardly know where to begin. For one thing, I was privileged to be given a vast amount of material by two scientists, Dr. Shelby Maxwell and Dr. Raymond Wheeler, who claim that we are approaching a great reversal of earth cycles and that there will be drastic changes coming about. Maxwell and Wheeler also say that this happened before in the history of the world, and each time it caused major upheavals.

UFO Report: Do you think that what happens here on our physical plane could somehow affect the other dimensions as well?

UFO Report: What you have just expressed is a very basic kind of metaphysical belief. It's also the belief of American Indians that it happens first in spirit time before it happens here. The American Indian says the "great purification" has already occurred in spirit time. It's just moving around now in the great cosmic calendar, until it reaches our particular tiny area of the conscious spectrum and then—boom—it's going to be happening here. A great purification that occurs not because the people were bad, not because they've behaved terribly, not because they need to be punished. It just happens like the hands of the clock moving around to 12. It's not good or bad; it just happens. It is a process; a cycle. And whatever you choose to call it, I think we are at the close of an era. We are witnessing an old world dying and a new world being born.

UFO Report: Can we actually pinpoint a specific time when this change will take place, and what exactly will happen as far as we humans are concerned?

STEIGER: If we put together all the prophecies, all the data, we will come up with a time scale that is going to reach its first breaking point, or culmination point, or eruption point, about the year 1985. It's going to be a series of peaks and valleys in terms of crises and catastrophies from now to the year 2000.

According to Dr. Wheeler, afterwards will be like a new Renaissance; he draws a parallel with the late 1400's, when mankind was coming out of the Dark Ages. A lot of people are saying the same things, but perhaps with a difference in wording. Among other appellations, it's been called the Age of Aquarius. I think the UFOs are a transformative symbol, and that the multidimensional dwellers have recently accelerated their interaction with us in preparation for what lies ahead.

UFO Report: Here's a thought that just came to mind: Isn't it possible, if what you say is true, that these UFO beings could actually be us in the future

after we've moved into another dimension or increased our vibrations?

STEIGER: I choose to believe they're a species that has made the jump before us, rather than us in the future looking back. I think we have to recognize that we are not the center of the universe. We are but a part of a large hierarchy—a larger community of intelligences. There is a very significant thing that the UFO does, and has done throughout mankind's history—it indicates that we are but part of a much bigger whole. It teaches us that we are not alone.

UFO Report: It may be that what we consider to be total truths may not be so in another 25 years. Obviously, the universe is constantly changing and altering its structure.

STEIGER: Oh, yes. What I think we need is a restructuring. Parallel space and time, parallel dimensions, all these things may exist. I suspect that past, present, and future may be happening at the same time in different spheres.

UFO Report: Don't you think it's going to be difficult to educate the scientific establishment to this? After all, their minds appear to be closed to new ways of thinking.

STEIGER: We are making many leaps in educating the scientists. Right now there are some fine physicists who are becoming more and more receptive to these concepts. For example, Dr. William Tiller wrote a very fine pre-publication endorsement for *Gods of Aquarius*.

"Its thesis, that extradimensional beings, with greatly advanced awareness and technology over humankind, are serving benignly to jog, spur, and prick the consciousness of humanity out of its present 'world picture' or 'reality rut' into a more cosmic self-image that is essential for species survival, is worthy of serious attention. The body of growing data which supports this thesis is so vast and differentiated that, taken as a whole rather than quibbled with in part, it merits a wise humanities consideration. I strongly affirm this new transcendental image of man, rejoice in man's future capacities and self-awareness, and applaud those honest workmen whose valiant efforts are bringing man awake! This author is one such man, and his latest effort should be read by everyone."

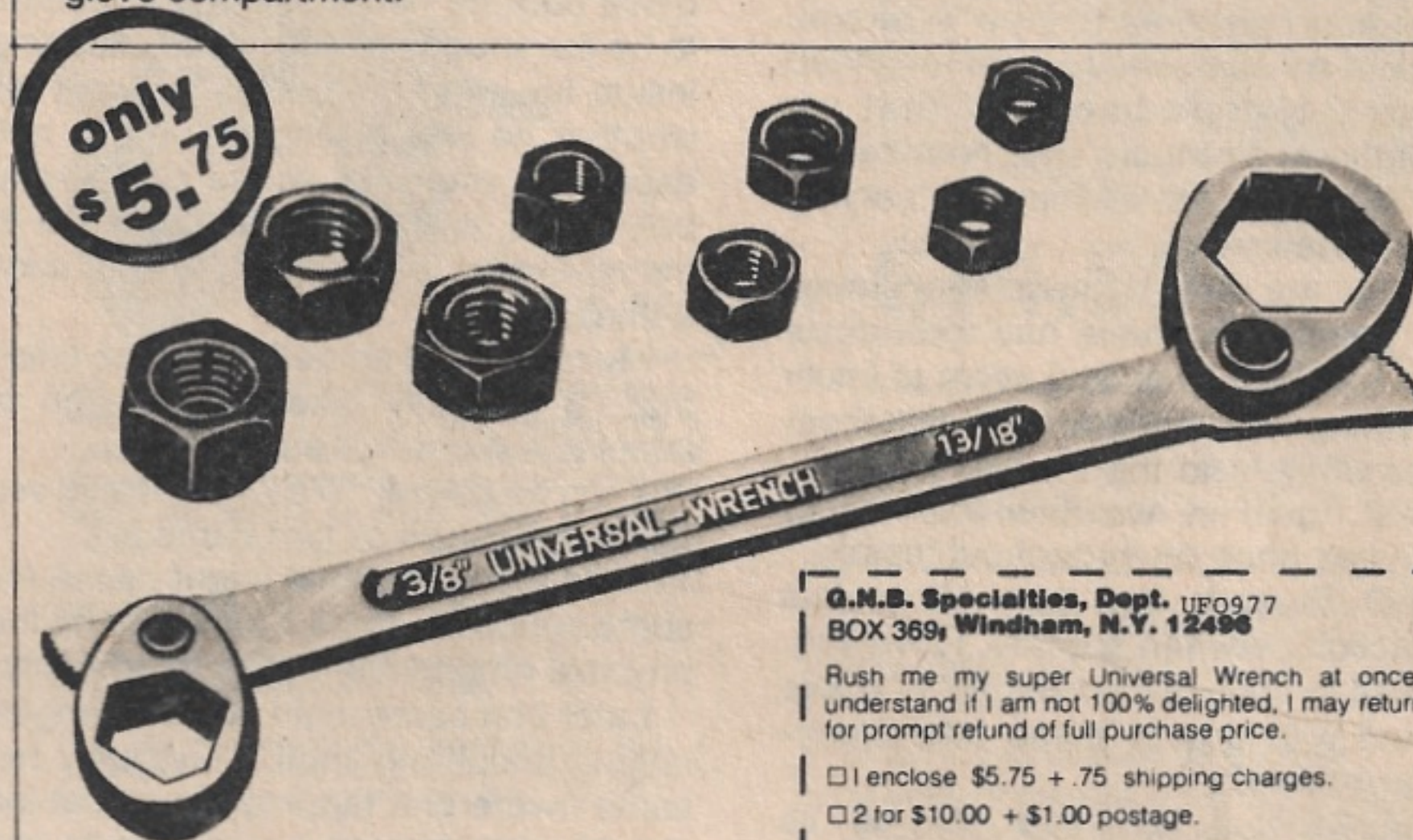
Those are pretty strong words from a very erudite man who is a physics professor at Stanford University. As I travel around to the different conferences and meet psychologists, MD's, physicists, and mathematicians, I find that a lot of them are deeply committed to what we might call the New Age thinking. They are beginning to speak in terms of frequency, vibration, continuum, and so forth.

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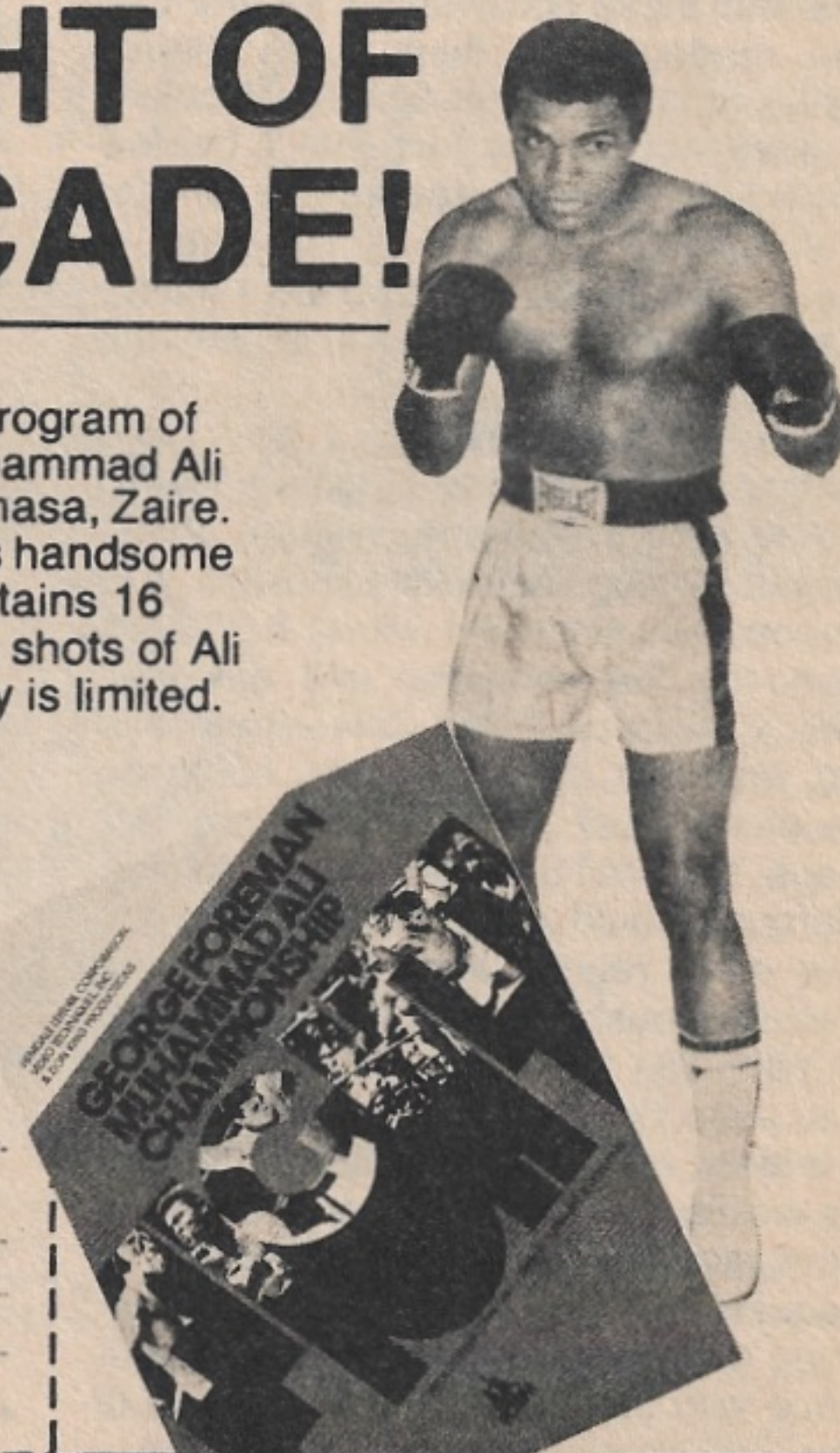
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sions I've been told by those who have had close sightings and contact with UFO occupants that later on they've actually seen these beings—human-looking ufonauts—inside our stores, shops, crossing the street, and riding in automobiles. Are aliens walking among us?

STEIGER: A lot of people have reported such experiences to me. I believe that "they" can become physical and walk here on our streets, and by the same token, we may walk in their dimension from time to time in altered states of consciousness. I am reminded of the Biblical admonition that we should treat strangers who come calling upon us kindly, as we may be "serving angels unawares."

There are many interesting stories from people who have had individuals come into their lives and seem to know everything about them, and tell them things which uplift them—and then disappear. Again we have their interacting, which has gone on throughout history.

UFO Report: You talk about this interaction between species. Have you, yourself, ever been privileged to make contact with any of these interdimensional entities?

STEIGER: If you take the elf as being a manifestation of an archetype, I have had such an experience. There are also many things of a personal nature which happened during the writing of *Gods of Aquarius* which are graphic demonstrations that there is a reality other than our own. I hesitate to mention these occurrences for fear that the readers may think I am merely trying to promote—to sell—my book. If it were not for the fact that I believe most **UFO Report** readers are familiar with similar literature in this area, I would remain silent. However, I think I have a certain responsibility to describe what happened.

For instance, the day I completed writing the book the outgoing WATS (Wide Area Telephone System) phone began ringing. Now, logically, this was impossible, since the wiring had been done by the company and designed *only* to make *outgoing* calls—there was no way that incoming calls could be received. Just as I finished the last page, the WATS out-line began to ring. Before I could even answer that, the two other regular lines began to ring simultaneously. I punched each button in turn, and there was no one there—just dead silence! I was puzzled, to say the least, and I set the receiver down on its cradle, only to have the phone light up again. The phone began to ring in sequences of three. At the time, something told me I should share this experience with someone, so I dialed one of the individuals—a silent contactee—interviewed in the book. I was anxious to see if Francie had any impressions

as to what this could mean. She did not, and so I said I would keep her informed. Since the phone kept right on ringing in this manner, I called David Graham, my business manager, and I told him to note the time that the WATS out-line would light up. I thought perhaps this might give us a clue as to the meaning of the phone's peculiar behavior.

Some days prior to this experience, I had come into the office and Dave told me something unusual had happened. He said that while approaching my office door he had heard what seemed to be the sounds of large wings flapping inside the room. Frankly, I couldn't tell whether he was pulling my leg or not, especially after he asked if it would bother me, while I was sitting alone at the typewriter late at night, to hear such a thing.

My reply went something to the effect that I'd probably take it as a sign of interest in our activities.

Then he asked, "Well, how would you feel if that big black bird came in?"

I told David that that might cause me some concern—to be confronted by the physical embodiment of such an entity.

Later that same night of the strangely ringing telephone lines, I suddenly became aware of a tapping sound behind me. I turned around just in time to see this large black bird flying away.

UFO Report: You say large. . . .

STEIGER: Much larger than a crow!

UFO Report: Could it have been a bat?

STEIGER: No, because it was pecking on the window glass with its beak. And it was scratching.

Again, I felt compelled to call Francie and tell her of the remarkable thing that had just happened. I got her out of the shower, and she said it was truly interesting, but that she couldn't make heads or tails out of it.

A few minutes later she called back to report that on her bed lay a large black feather, like no feather with which she was familiar.

Now, O.K.—we are separated by 900 miles, so tell me: how could the feather have gotten there, even if the bird outside my window were real? It's the type of occurrence that, if it doesn't happen to you, it would sound like a fairy tale.

UFO Report: The question remains, what does it all mean?

STEIGER: Indeed, and why should it peck on *my* window in one area of the country, and leave a physical manifestation, a feather, in another area, at what would be the precise, identical time.

The next day, because I work nights, Dave Graham beat me to the office. He walked into the office, and he hadn't been there more than a minute when *all three* telephone lines began to ring again. In the meantime he had checked

with the telephone company, and once more they maintained that our WATS out-line could not ring in. As the phone began to ring, he jokingly said, "Well, that's very good, and now shut off and just the center line ring." *It stopped, and the center line began to ring!* He said, "That's very good, now the first line ring." *It did!* "That's remarkable," he said. "Now let's see the WATS out-line ring in—that I want to see again." It followed his instructions to the letter—the phone was playing games with him. It seemed to have an intelligence of its own.

Maybe, I shouldn't be telling these stories. You hear Andrija Puharich talking about manifestations like these in connection with Uri Geller, and you're prone to disregard the matter. Well, you shouldn't! John Keel in his *Mothman Prophecies* has also shared many of these things with his fellow researchers. What do I conclude? That this intelligence that interacts with us is sometimes playful, sometimes significant.

UFO Report: You mention Uri Geller. Do you believe he is on the level—that he is able to accomplish such remarkable feats as bending metal with his mind and reading the thoughts of others?

STEIGER: I've met Uri three or four times, and I think that the only regrettable aspect of his work is that he has put himself into a show business format. I've had friends scoff at him, only to have their keys bend in their hands—he didn't touch them, he was several feet away. So I think he definitely has these abilities, but from time to time he might combine a little showmanship—not unlike some prominent mediums or psychics I could name. When you put yourself into a show business situation, this is bound to happen. I mean, how can he come out in front of an audience of five thousand and say, "Tonight I have a headache and I can't do any of these things." People wouldn't accept that.

UFO Report: Do you find that Uri is unique as an individual?

STEIGER: Not in the least. I've found that there is a whole crew of super-kids growing up who have similar abilities, both in this country and overseas. Unlike Uri, they are more spiritual—less ego-oriented—in their outlook. They are not at all interested in going on stage to demonstrate these talents. They see Uri on television and they say, "I can do that"—and they do. He has been kind of a psychic Pied Piper. In a positive sense, he has been an activating archetype. At the same time, Dr. Puharich and his associate, Melanie Toyofuku, report that there are kids all around the world who have never heard of, nor seen Uri, who give evidence of these amazing psychic abilities.

UFO Report: Is there anything all these super-kids have in common?

STEIGER: They have several things in common. First, they take a world view that man is in the beginning stages of a kind of spiritual and biological evolution. This seems to be inherent in the way they conduct themselves.

Secondly, they all seem to know one another; they recognize each other even if they have never ostensibly met before. Now mind you, they are from widely separated areas—different countries—and that doesn't seem to matter. They claim to have seen or met each other *aboard* UFO's. This takes place for them either during the dream state or during altered states of consciousness. They all seem to feel that they are taken somewhere at night, and tutored and given instructions. Now we have many people who are not super-kids, who are in their 30s, 40s and 50s, who claim the same kind of experience. Maybe in their childhood it wasn't a UFO—it may have been a hidden city beneath the sea, it may have been a sacred city in Tibet, but it was definitely the same type of experience. I have heard this time after time, where a person falls asleep at night and feels he is taken away, and is being taught or tutored.

UFO Report: What is he taught?

STEIGER: Sometimes he doesn't remember. Sometimes he is given mathematical formulas—he's given certain instructions on how to build devices and inventions. These people are also given spiritual and metaphysical teachings.

UFO Report: How many cases of super kids have you encountered?

STEIGER: Myself, only a half dozen. But Puharich and his associate have literally traveled around the world seeking and working with these children. They feel it is their mission to help these kids adjust to this planet.

UFO Report: In your recent writings you seem to devote a lot of space to material that is being telepathically received by contactees. How many "channels," as you call them, are there and how do they operate?

STEIGER: There are probably countless thousands, and they are to be found *all over the world*. Usually it starts after someone has either seen a low flying UFO or had some interaction with the occupants of a flying saucer. Once initial contact has been established, it is no longer necessary to have that kind of physical experience. A person generally goes into a light trance and mentally receives the answers to specific questions about the cosmos. While cognizant that "Space Brothers" may also be representative of a number of other manifestations, including one's own higher self, in *Gods of Aquarius* I list seven types of distinct channels.

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The list was supplied to me by the Mark-Age MetaCenter of Miami (327 NE 20th Terrace), an organization headed by the very dedicated team of Mark and Yolanda. Since 1958 they have channeled reams and reams of information from the space brothers and other higher intelligences. The types of channels might be of interest to your readers:

1) *Trance or Sleep Mediumship*—The person loses total conscious awareness and then speaks in this state, perhaps in unknown languages and about unfamiliar subjects. This information can come either from his or her own subconscious memory bank, carried in the astral body which is the sum total of past incarnations; or from astral beings who control the body and the mind at that time, wherein the medium vacates his or her own vehicle and allows this takeover.

2) *Automatic Writing, Drawing, or Music*—Forces from another level, from the subconscious memory, or from the subconscious self take control over the hands and perform through them.

3) *Clairaudience* (clear hearing), *Clairvoyance* (clear sensing or feeling)—Voices, visions, information channeled from the astral, etheric, or celestial planes can be received without our conscious control or desire. They are spontaneous and independent experiences.

4) *Mental Telepathy or thought Transference*—Specific words or ideas are projected through the brain of the conscious medium or channel, to be written or spoken. A highly developed channel can work cooperatively, but with complete objectivity . . . with a master of the etheric or with angelic beings of the celestial, so that control over the physical mechanism is possible to the extent that exact words or inflections can be expressed. This is the highest form of communication via channeling in the evolvment of man on Earth now.

5) *Space Beams*—Extraterrestrial spacecraft can use electromagnetic beams to transmit thoughts and words to, or physical control over, those on Earth. This can be traumatic if not understood, and is one reason why information and education on these changing conditions in our world during this Mark-Age period and program are so essential. Space beams usually are felt physically. One feels a helmet or cap clamped on the top of the head, pressure across the forehead or at the temples, a rod or a beam from the head down through the spine, a sudden chill or heat which turns off as though by a switch and leaves no aftereffect or sensation. Healings have been known to occur in this manner.

6) *Inspiration, Intuition, or Hunches*—Specific or general information can be relayed to the conscious mind either

through the subconscious memory patterns (soul or past experiences), through the superconscious (the I-Am or High Self within), or from those of other planes and planets.

7) *I-Am Consciousness*—Direct knowing and experiencing from the God Self within. The individual can communicate consciously with all the energy forms in the universe, thus knowing and seeing that all things are part of the All, Which is the one and only God, Who is Creative Energy in action.

UFO Report: You say there are thousands of channels receiving information all over the world. Are they in touch with each other, and do they publish any literature on their work?

STEIGER: A few of the individuals have formed groups like Mark-Age, and they do issue frequent bulletins which are exchanged with other similar organizations, as well as given away to interested parties or sold at cost. There are hundreds of other channels who in a sense are also silent contactees, in that nobody outside their immediate family or circle of friends knows what they are doing. Many of these individuals are integrating themselves into society and using the material they receive in a very positive way.

UFO Report: But aren't a lot of the messages that are received meaningless? I know for a fact that a number of these channels are always releasing information of a prophetic nature—making predictions about things that never come true.

STEIGER: I think one has to first recognize that a higher intelligence is probably not too interested in predicting some of the mundane things that a contactee may ask about. We can equate it to having a magical lamp that we rub only when we want to know what horse will win a race. We should be ashamed of ourselves for bringing up such inconsequential matters. I'd be the first to admit that some of the contactees seem more interested in making predictions that are of a routine nature, rather than of greater spiritual consequence. Just as we discussed earlier, some people get paranoid, some people get obsessed, some people grow and become very strong individuals. Offhand, this conversation brings to mind Aileen Steils from British Columbia, whom I worked with some years ago. At that time, the material was new to Aileen and her daughter Robin, who was actually the channel, and a bit of paranoia popped in now and then. But they stayed with the material—have stayed with the channeling—and they have grown, each of them becoming very positive, integrated individuals.

UFO Report: Wouldn't you say that it's wise not to accept something just because a ufonaut or Space Brother supposedly said it?

STEIGER: Always weigh things with

common sense, and always consider the message as well as the messenger.

UFO Report: We seem to have gone off on a tangent, describing the experiences of those individuals who, for the most part, have encountered benevolent space brothers. How, in your philosophy, do you account for the episodes in which Betty and Barney Hill, Travis Walton, and others have been abducted by ufonauts who didn't seem to be so benevolent or friendly, but appeared to be on some sort of scientific mission?

STEIGER: Apparently a lot has to do with the level of awareness of the percipient. In the early days—back in the 1950s—we had people like George Adamski, who were coming from a religious background in which the obvious reaction to an encounter with an alien life form would be excitement and a great desire to share this information. I think we have that now, with a moving toward this transitional period. I think this information is by and large that of the transformative nature. But I also think that the phenomena are of a constantly changing nature. They seem to apply certain tactics—they promise us certain things that cause us to react in certain ways. It seems that early in the contactee experience, the important things were to alert mankind that there were profound reasons to be concerned about some of the incredible things we've been doing to our planet. Because of these contacts, I believe reforms have been instituted. Some of the warnings about pollution and nuclear testing have been heeded. I believe that many more people reacted to these in a much more restrained and sophisticated manner than we credited the contactees for. Of course, we're going to have the Peter the Hermit type characters running around, offending a lot of people, but sometimes they get their message across on subliminal levels.

As for the abductions, indeed this other intelligence is here to probe us and examine us. The examination may be on a multitude of levels, but what may have been taken away from the experience was the memory of a physical examination. Actually, I don't necessarily believe that there is any abduction, that one is literally taken on board. Instead, it may be done with three-dimensional images that may be telepathically suggested to give a person some kind of information. This information may be different in each instance, but it is all part of the learning experience I keep mentioning.

UFO Report: How do you explain in many instances the contactees' memory being erased, so that it's only under hypnosis that they can recall the details of what transpired?

STEIGER: Even under hypnosis this recall may not be total. There may be a

portion of our mind which does not retain what really took place, but it may be almost impossible to bring this memory to a conscious level.

UFO Report: How do you account for the ufonauts telling so many of the contactees that they originate from Venus or Mars, when our space probes in the last few years seem to indicate that life as we know it is impossible on these planets?

STEIGER: "Venus" may be symbolic of an expanded consciousness outside of one's self. On "Venus" might offer a literal clue to a different kind of physical place. One silent contactee, who has been in touch with this higher intelligence since she was five years old, claims they told her they came from a place like unto Venus. To me this signifies that they came from a world like ours, since Venus has always been known as our sister planet. This world like ours is another dimension. Also remember that Venus is the planet of love, and these people—this other intelligence—seem to come on a love vibration. They are saying in effect that we come from a place like yours, and we love you.

UFO Report: Will it ever be possible for us to travel to this other realm?

STEIGER: That is going to be the ultimate interaction between our species and theirs. They have continually been leading us to the point where we now have television, which in a sense transposes time and space. This invention, as well as others, may have come from a higher source. We now have in our consciousness the thinking which might someday soon enable us to build a dematerialization device which will enable us to go to the same place we travel to when we accomplish astral projection. Eventually, we will create the kind of vehicle which will artificially take us to this other continuum which we now enter psychically and mentally. We will be able to raise and lower our vibration and frequency to interact with them. At that point we will have achieved true balance on our planet Earth.

UFO Report: Do you know of anyone who has received the type of information necessary to construct such a vehicle?

STEIGER: Yes, I have been in contact with such people. They are working secretly on various projects and I think we will be hearing more from them in the future, but at the moment I am not at liberty to give you any more details about this.

UFO Report: What principle would this device work on?

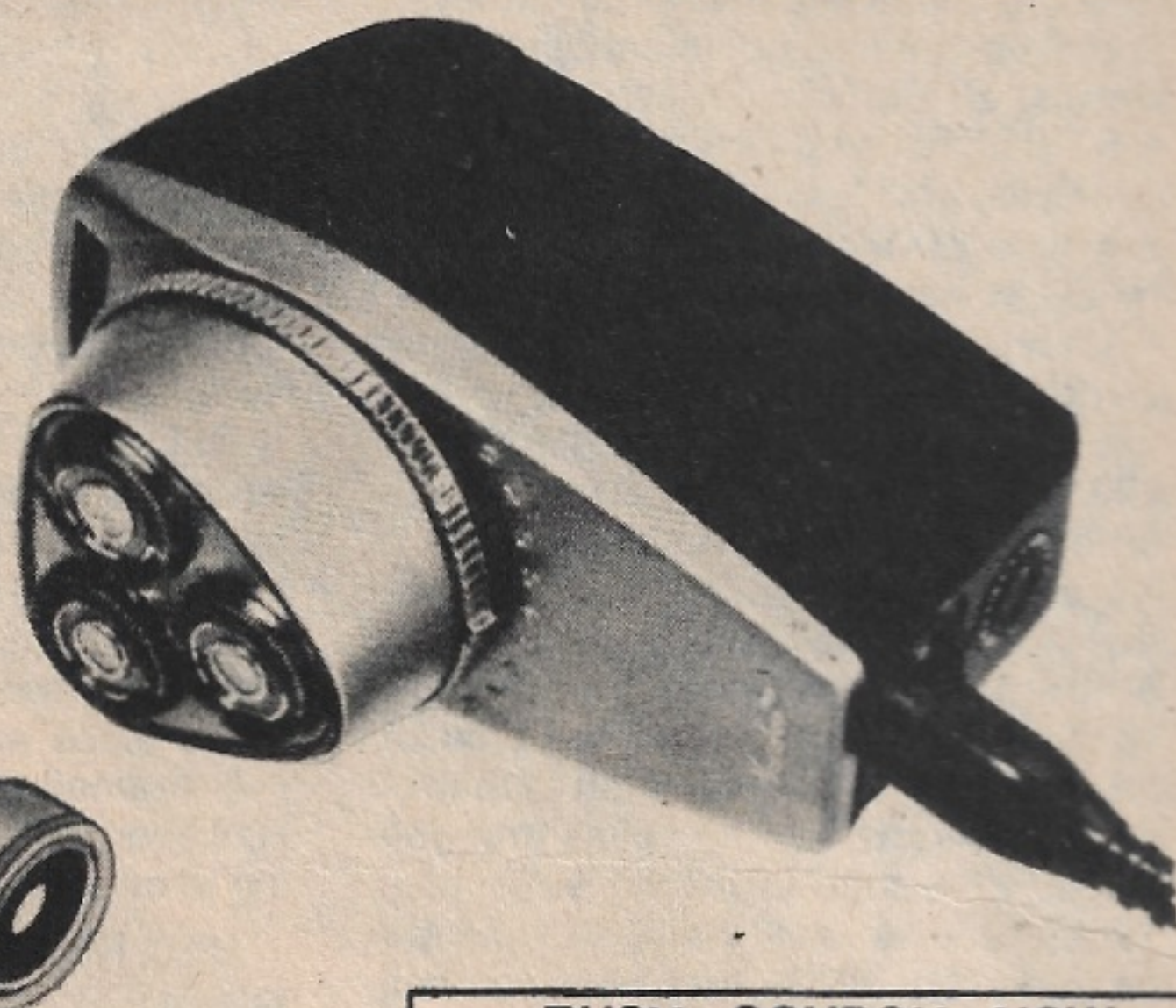
STEIGER: Control of the electromagnetic spectrum.

UFO Report: Most of the people we hear about being channels are ordinary people who really don't seem to have a great deal of influence on an interna-

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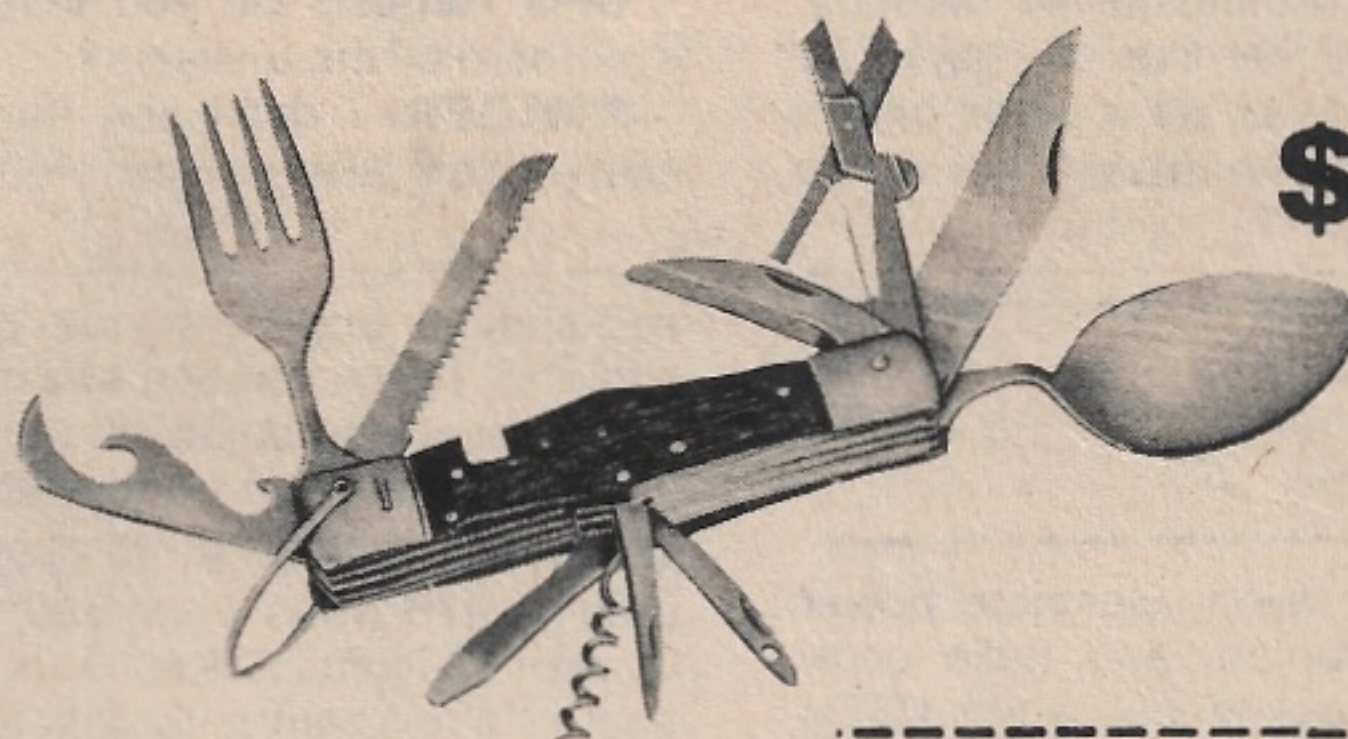
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tional level or from a political point of view. Do you mean to say that there are scientists channeling information and working on futuristic devices?

STEIGER: Yes, I know of many fine scientists who feel they have received this type of information. They are not ready to make this revelation known. On the political scene, we have Jimmy Carter, our new president, who has made no secret of his sighting of a UFO. Throughout history, many famous leaders, like George Washington, Napoleon, and Charles XII of Sweden, mention their interaction with vehicles or persons who came in glowing spheres. Lord only knows the type of information that was imparted to them.

UFO Report: Do you think that you were, at some point in your life, selected to do this work, to educate people about UFOs and what you call New Age topics?

STEIGER: I feel there was an activating archetype which interacted with me and triggered (my last) book. I also think I have had a significant kind of interaction with The Other ever since my childhood.

UFO Report: Many people might not realize this, but Brad Steiger isn't your real name.

STEIGER: It's my *real* name, but it's not the name I was born with!

UFO Report: Why did you decide to change your name then? I had always assumed that because you were a teacher and didn't want to be associated with bizarre subjects, you selected a *nom de plume*.

STEIGER: It's much more significant than that. I never vibrated to the name I was born with. It's not out of parental or ethnic shame either. I love my parents and I love my Scandinavian heritage. It simply didn't feel like my particular vibration, and even as a small child I used to get quite frustrated when

people used to call me by my legal name. When I began writing professionally, I began using the name I felt was really mine. Now, when I'm in a situation where somebody calls me by my legal name, it takes me a moment or two to realize to whom they are speaking.

UFO Report: Have you any psychic abilities which you've developed?

STEIGER: Frankly, I feel that my talents lie in the area of being a teacher, and not being a public psychic. But yes, I have had things happen which are psychic in nature. There have been all kinds of manifestations which have taken place around me for years, but I've learned to take them in stride. However, they could be very disconcerting to other people.

UFO Report: What sort of manifestations?

STEIGER: Psychokinetic things, electromagnetic types of phenomena.

UFO Report: You mean you go into a room and the TV or other electrical appliances will go wild?

STEIGER: That too, but also, you see, I happen to be from a Scandinavian background, and the Scandinavians seem to have what they call the *Vardogr*, which is the sound of your arrival, the sound of your voice, even though you are not yet there. This annoys people who know me, because they will be talking to me and I haven't yet arrived, and then a few minutes later I will show up and this upsets them to no end. There are also certain people with whom I seem to have a telepathic rapport. That is, even though we are hundreds of miles away, we can actually carry on mental conversations.

UFO Report: Do you think we will ever learn all the answers?

STEIGER: I don't see that type of intervention taking place. People hope

for an overt contact—a mass landing and deliverance. Well, we mucked up our atmosphere, we mucked up our biosphere; we diverted our spiritual growth; and now comes the cry, "We want deliverance," and "Make it all right again!" It's my opinion that if we are to truly evolve, we will have to develop these abilities on our own, we will have to find the answers to our problems within ourselves. We have to make the transitional leap—it's not going to be done for us. We have to work for it!

UFO Report: Don't you think there are going to be stumbling blocks, that the governments of the world and the various religious bodies aren't going to want this information to leak out?

STEIGER: I don't mean to be presumptuous, but I don't see any conflict. I don't see these transformative visitors as being incompatible with religions. The basic message is that there is an eternally powerful energy source which exists externally from which you can always seek power and inspiration—not the power of might, but the power of basic spiritual truths. The principal message is that we must move from *Homo sapiens* to *Homo spiritus*—from "thinking man" to "spiritual man."

UFO Report: One last question: What do your future plans entail?

STEIGER: Certainly to continue with this line of research, to progress. I want to present those ideas which I think can be of the greatest possible help to mankind in progressing from the kind of constricted, restricted creature he has been, so that he can recognize his star-seeded heritage and be prepared for a personal transformative experience—which I think is going to come very soon. ★

*(The term artist Hal Crawford uses for "wee people" type entities in Steiger's *Gods of Aquarius*)

GHOUL

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systems have failed, electrical power has been disrupted, and radio communications blacked out when UFOs have been nearby. Electrical failure and loss of radio communications have frequently happened to space probes passing through The Ghoul, and in Earth orbit as well.

UFOs have been reported in outer space by our own astronauts, who qualify as reliable witnesses by any standard one wishes to use. James McDivitt and the late Ed White spotted and photographed a UFO during their Gemini 4 flight in 1965 while over Hawaii. The photos clearly show an

egg-shaped object leaving a contrail behind it. Frank Borman and Jim Lovell spotted a similar object on their Gemini 7 flight. John Young and Michael Collins saw two glowing red objects while orbiting 476 miles from Earth on their Gemini 10 flight in 1966. A spectacular shot of a red saucer-shaped UFO was taken by Richard Gordon, Jr., and Charles Conrad, Jr., on their Gemini 11 flight. NASA released the photo just once, several years ago, on loan to a magazine; since then, it has been kept out of the public eye.

Are UFOs the cause of the mysterious happenings of The Ghoul and elsewhere? If so, why do they show such a preference for that stretch of space that lies on the path to Mars 35 million miles from Earth?

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